



# DuPont Friday Letter

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## “A Mélange of Marginalia...”

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I was going to come up with a pithy way to rephrase the title so everyone would understand that this week's edition would be a broad mix of notes and information that I've noted in the margins of books and paperwork. But I won't.

### US Open Championship

A quick reminder that the back way into Lakewood and Tacoma is pretty busy with the Open in town. Are you going to the Championship? Visit here for parking and shuttle information: [US Open Info](#) It can't be stressed enough that we won't be able to come up with some secret, locals-only route to the gates of Chambers Bay. Save stress and overall time by using the Blue Lot as requested. When you get there, use sunscreen, drink plenty of water (beer and wine are not water) and realize there are some pretty tough walking conditions, so be prepared.

### US Open Welcome Reception

On Friday at Clocktower Park, the Residential Owners Association and the City will be putting on a welcome reception. The event is part “hello to our guests in their blue Lexus cars” part “hey, maybe Joe Buck will be there” and a whole lot of “thanks DuPont for helping with the Open”. There will be activities like hitting into a simulator so all your friends can bemoan just how great you are. It will be a night of beer, wine, (this time it's okay because you won't have to walk around a lot), live music and great food. Tickets are available at City Hall or the ROA office. \$10 for DuPont residents, \$20 for out-of-town guests. If it looks like rain, have no fear: we've constructed a tent large enough to cover all the activities, so come on out. As Mr. Popeil would say, “but wait, there's more”. Included in the ticket price is a commemorative wine glass (it holds beer in a pinch). Oh yeah, while the likelihood of the following coming to pass is on the same probability curve as say winning Powerball twice in a row, Phil Mickelson, Bubba Watson and other golfers might decide to drop in. Probably just more wishful marginalia, but I can dream, can't I?

**Talking with the Fire Chief** I learned that we still have people driving up to the fire station looking for emergency medical help, sometimes with life threatening conditions. Once and for all, PLEASE call 911 instead. Driving from where you are to the station is slower than emergency vehicles with right-of-way and green lights all the way. If the crew is out, you will have wasted a lot of time. If the crew is in, it's not at all faster than calling. You still have



to round them up (they may be out back training, upstairs eating, etc) which is much slower than when they all get the alarm and go. Most importantly, when the crews are en route, they are planning and talking about what to do when they arrive, so their care will start faster than if you walk in. Finally, calling 911 gets the proper teams there from the start. If you just show up, the fire department will have to call out for advanced life support if needed where the dispatcher could have done that 10 minutes ago. Remember, when in doubt, call 911: that's the quickest way to get help and I promise, you're not bothering us!

### Comprehensive Plan Update Coming to a Close

On July 1, the complete draft will be presented for comment, and the Planning Agency will start their portion of the update process. Below are some key dates.

- June 22, 2015 - Planning Agency (PA) Meeting
- July 13, 2015 – PA Public Workshop
- July 27, 2015 – PA Regular Meeting
- Aug. 10, 2015 – PA Public Hearing & Recommendation to Council

After the Council receives the plan on August 11, they will have a number of meetings and a public hearing before they vote in September. Stay tuned for more details on their part of the process. Please give the Planning Agency your input. You don't have to wait for a public hearing: all meetings are open to public comment. You can also email (my address above will work) or impress the youth in DuPont and send a letter. Learn more at our website: <http://www.dupontwa.gov/index.aspx?NID=414>

### Community Calendar

<http://www.dupontwa.gov/events.php>